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SUBJ: AMB'S MEETING WITH KOREAN VICE FORMIN SHINYONG LHO

SUMMARY. DURING APRIL 27 MEETING, ROK VICE FORMIN LHO STRESSED IMPORTANCE ROK GIVES TO DENYING DPRK MEMBERSHIP IN NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND ASKED AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING SENEGAL'S SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION. END SUMMARY.

1. ROK FORMIN LHO ARRIVED IN DAKAR APRIL 26 FOLLOWING VISITS TO KAMPALA, KENYA AND OUAGADOUGOU WHERE HE REPORTEDLY HAD ENCOURAGING MEETINGS WITH CHIEFS OF STATE AND US AMBASSADORS. PURPOSE WAS TO SEEK AFRICAN SUPPORT FOR ROK POSITION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PARTICULARLY TO WORK OUT STRATEGY FOR BARRING DPRK FROM NON-ALIGNED GROUP. IN SENEGAL HE MET WITH PM, FORMIN AND MIN OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. LHO ASKED FOR RUNDOWN OF US ACTIVITIES IN SENEGAL WHICH I PROVIDED. I TOLD HIM POSITION OF ROK IN SENEGAL HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED BY ACTIVITIES OF AMB CHI WHO WAS MAKING SOME HEADWAY IN PERSUADING GOS TO REDRESS BALANCE AWAY FROM TILT TOWARD DPRK. LHO AGREED BUT INDICATED NEXT UNGA WOULD BE CRITICAL SESSION AND SERIES OF MEETINGS PRIOR TO THAT DATE WOULD PROVIDE TEST OF DPRK INFLUENCE. OF SPEICAL
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IMPORTANCE WOULD BE MEETING IN LIMA WHERE HE FELT DPRK WOULD

MAKE CONCERTED EFFORT TO GAIN ENTRANCE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.
THEREFORE, HE FELT IT IMPORTANT THAT ROK AND USG MAKE STRONG
REPRESENTATIONS TO GOS ON THIS QUESTION.

3. I TOLD LHO HIS MISSION WAS IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO
DIALOGUE WITH SENEGALESE ON THIS ISSUE. WHILE US COULD AND
WOULD TALK WITH GOS ON SUBJECT THERE NO SUBSTITUTE FOR
DIRECT INVOLVEMENT OF COUNTRY PRIMARILY CONCERNED. PRES SENGHOR
HAD BEEN HIGHLY IMPRESSED DURING HIS 1974 VISIT TO NORTH KOREA
AND HAD RETURNED WITH BIAS TOWARD DPRK. BUT IN SUBSEQUENT
CONVERSATIONS AMB CHI AND I HAD HAD WITH HIM, FORMIN SECK
AND OTHER OFFICIALS APPEAR TO HAVE LED THEM TO RECONSIDER
THEIR ATTITUDE ON KOREAN QUESTION. LHO ASKED WHICH COUNTRIES
MIGHT HAVE INFLUENCE ON SENEGAL IN ADDITION TO USG. I
POINTED TO FRANCE, EEC GROUP, MOROCCO, TUNISIA, IRAN, BRAZIL
AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT IVORY COAST. LHO SAID KOREA HAD GOOD
RELATIONS ALSO WITH MOST OF THESE STATES AND WOULD INSTRUCT
AMBASSADORS IN APPROPRIATE CAPITALS TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN
PERSUADING SENEGAL TO ADOPT A FRIENDLY POSITION. LHO LEFT DAKAR
APRIL 28 FOR WASHINGTON WHERE HE HOPES TO DISCUSS STRATEGY ON
KOREAN QUESTION IN DEPT AND WOULD WELCOME APPOINTMENT WITH AF
IN THIS CONNECTION.

4. COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO BE KEPT ABREAST OF DEPT
THINKING ON KOREAN QUESTION AND ADVISED WHENEVER
DISCUSSION OF ISSUE WITH SENEGALESE MIGHT BE HELPFUL.
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